

REMARKS

Further to Applicants' March 17, 2005, Amendment in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, Applicants have amended claim 1 to correct the previous amendment in order to avoid an unnecessarily overly-restrictive interpretation of the subject matter of the claim.

Applicants note that the present specification states that "[t]he A) + B) compositions can also contain known additives of the prior art for foamable compositions as thermal stabilizers, UV stabilizers, pigments, flame retardants, reinforcing agents" (page 7, lines 16-19). Thus, one or more of these additives could be used in the presently claimed compositions.

The claims have therefore been amended to clarify that the compositions do not contain any foaming agents other than components A) and B). As explained in the present specification, "[a]n essential characteristic of the invention compositions is that the compositions are foamable without using foaming agents of the prior art such, for example, nitrogen, CO₂, or light fractions of perfluoropolymers..." (present specification page 7, lines 20-24).

Thus, in view of the above in conjunction with Applicants' March 17, 2005, Amendment, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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